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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 30, 2004, Applicant elects method claims 1-5 of Group I.

The Restriction Requirement is traversed. The inventions are really not independent in that there is a product claim element analog to each method claim element, and vice versa. The inventions are not distinct. The apparatus will essentially practice the method and the method is essentially practiced by the apparatus. One could hypothesize alternate hand manipulation or alternate apparatus. But when two sets of claims are so analogous to each other, the inventive concepts in both overlap and certainly a search as to one will involve a search as to the other, or else the search would be incomplete. The two groups of claims should be examined together in one application.

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